

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3963
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Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that there are currently not enough charging stations for hybrid or electric vehicles on state property. By allowing charging stations to be installed on state property, the state could see increased tourism to Texas, including at state parks. C.S.H.B. 3963 seeks to authorize a state agency to enter into an agreement to place and maintain electric vehicle charging equipment on public property.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3963 amends the Government Code to authorize an applicable state agency in charge and control of state property to enter into an agreement authorizing a charging provider to place and maintain electric vehicle charging equipment on the property. The agreement must require the provider to use a metering device to determine the cost of electricity transferred to another person through electric vehicle charging equipment and may include any other reasonable requirements on the use of the property.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3963 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following summarizes the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

The substitute removes rest areas from the state properties specified in the original as places for electric vehicle charging equipment.